



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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Jeff Snook, Manager  
WAG 7  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Idaho Operations Office  
850 Energy Drive  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Re: Completion of Excavation Operations in the Glovebox Excavator Method (GEM) Project  
(EM-ER-04-042)

Dear Mr. Snook:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agrees that you have met the requirement of milestone 3.1.7 of the *Agreement to Resolve Disputes*. Therefore, EPA authorizes release of the remaining \$2 million held in reserve.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509)376-9529.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Ceto".

Nicholas Ceto, Program Manager  
INEEL Project

cc: Daryl Koch, IDEQ